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Officers have obtained liberty to go to lodgings
in Town. ^{but} that was not granted till they
were reduced to ~~it~~ ^{as} almost the last Stage
of ^{it} Sickness - - a Cap Brookes - who
has a brother & a mother living in this City
the first a man of Property - & who has been
dangerously ill could not obtain liberty to
be removed - but then - The Mother & Son
- there are Tories - & Brookes himself a Refugee
& has been very mischievous -

Sunday 25. This day settled th wth M^{rs} Jewell
paid her 25/- H^{rs} cur.

Monday 26. Between 30 & 40 Prisoners were
off to York - wrote to B W - 219

The British Commissary offers to clear the
Jails at York of all American Prisoners - in
case they will do it same here - notwithstanding
-ing there is a large bal. due to him & he not

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has a largest number in his hands -
Tuesday 27. last Saturday Friend C - came to see
me - has been very kind - has sent me a plate
from his table every day since - Wednesday
28th dined th him - Col^o P. there - our con-
-versation on general Subjects - Politics but
slightly mentioned - - -

Friday March 2 - last Evening was an Exhi-
-bition of Fireworks in th State house yard -
It consisted of 3 Paper lanterns fix'd to a frame
about 6 feet high - about 3 1/2 doz Rockets were
fired - some with Stars - 2 fire wheels ^{ch} sent out
a number of Serpents & crackers - one horizon-
-tal Rocket ^{ch} performed one return - 1
drum & 1 fife were all the music - The
whole lasted about ten minutes - ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~exhibition~~ It
might be called an Essay towards exhibiting fire-
-works - rather than an Exhibition - It seem'd
to be an untimely Production - ^{ch} just made an
appearance & then dyed away - ~~As it was~~
exhibited by the Infant-States - we ^{could} not expect to
find it attended with circumstances of Grandeur